

MIRROR Leadership Training



Workshop 4 - People with Power

The course that switches you onto politics
Creating leaders for the future



Who is responsible for what?

Who do you think provides money for services?

Have a go at the quiz to find out



UK Government



Welsh Assembly



Local Government

How Government works

- Government in London provides services for the whole country
- Welsh Assembly provides some services just for Wales
- Local Authorities provide services for local areas

UK Government in
London

Welsh Assembly in
Cardiff

22 Local Authorities in
Wales

How Government works



Who is in charge in your area?

- Use www.writetothem.com find out who represents you
- Who is your MP?
- Who is your Assembly Member?
- Who are your councilors?



Voting – The Electoral Commission

- The Electoral Commission is an independent organisation
- It was set up by the UK Government to check elections are run properly
- That means making sure everyone can vote



Is it important to vote?

- Everyone who registers has a right to vote
- Voting gives you the chance to put people into power
- People who make decisions that affect you
- Voting is your opportunity to help make changes locally and nationally



Registering to vote

To register to vote you must be:

- 16 or over in Wales
- 18 or over in the rest of the UK
- A British citizen
- Live in the UK

You can register to vote online or by post



How to vote

There are 3 ways to vote

1. At a polling station
2. By post
3. By proxy – you choose someone to vote for you



Practice vote

- You vote by putting X by the name of the person and political party you want to win
- When you have voted put your paper in the ballot box
- Do not show anyone – voting is private
- Practice voting using the ballot paper and voting form



Why is it important vote?

- Discuss with the group why it is important to vote



Building political influence

- Politicians work for us
- They need to know what we want then to do
- How can we tell them what we want?

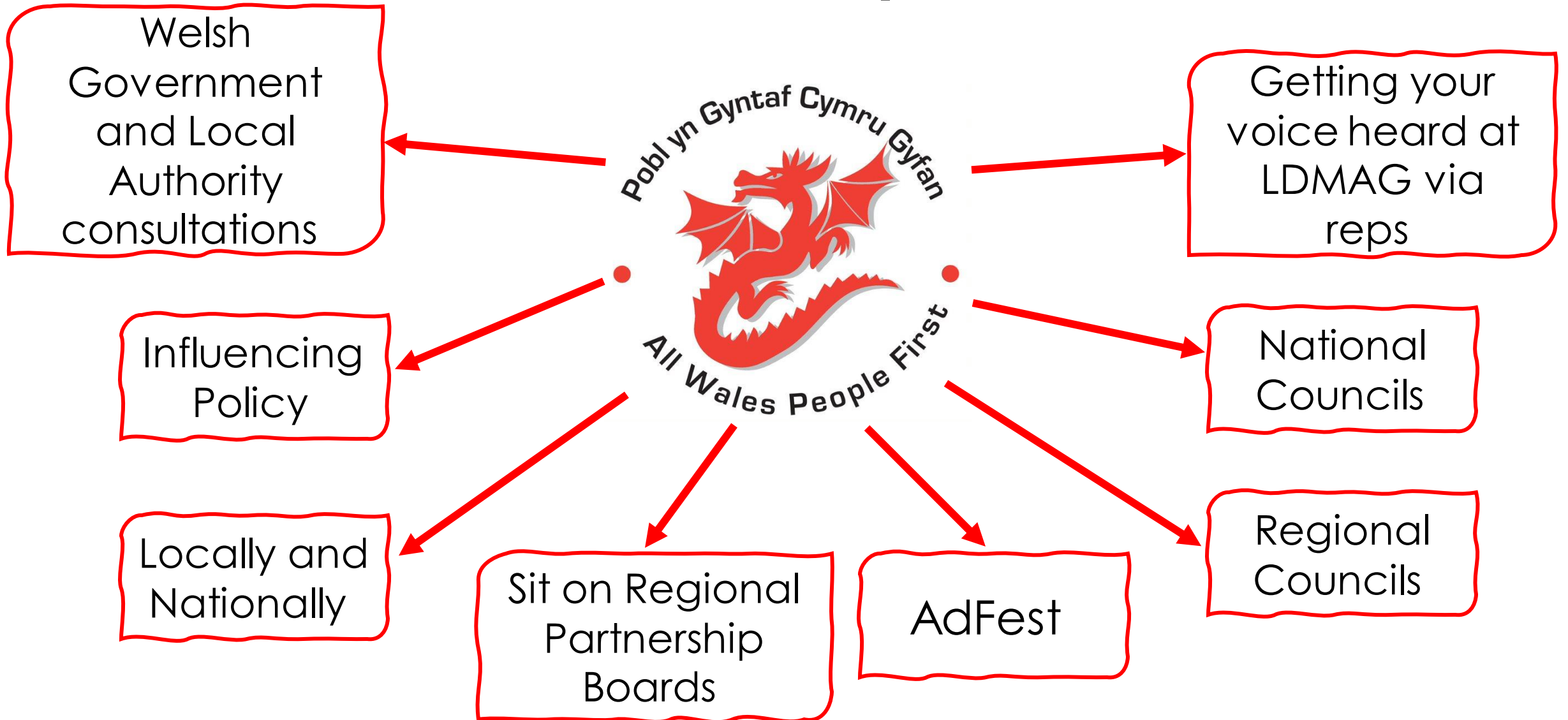


Building political influence

- MP and AM surgeries
- Welsh Government petitions
- Writing letters
- Signing petitions
- Demonstrating
- LDMAG



Building political influence with **All Wales People First**



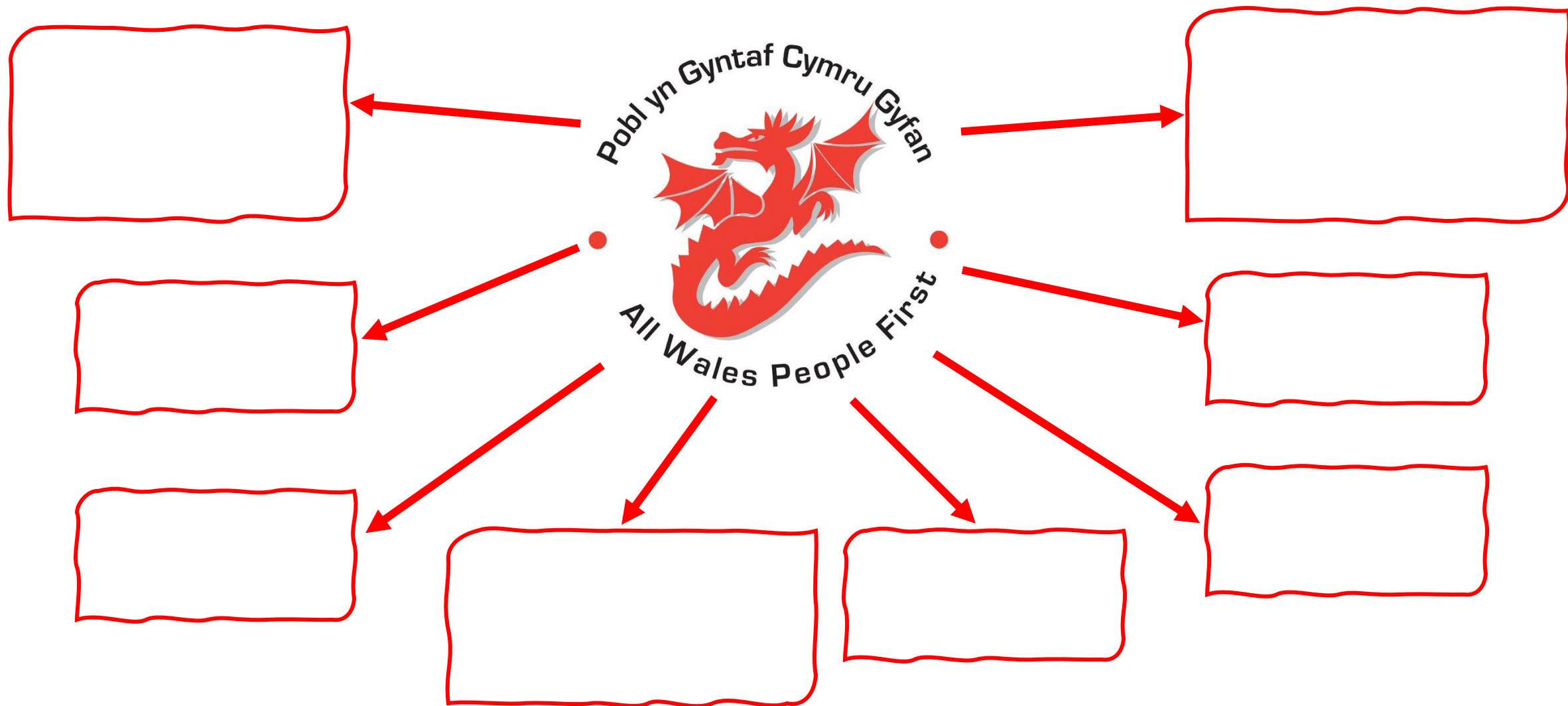
Building political influence with **All Wales People First**

Every Welsh Government election we write a manifesto based on what is important to members.

Members get to use it to influence anyone who knocks their door or in hustings hosted by self-advocacy groups.



What have you done to build political influence with **All Wales People First** ?



Feedback

It would be great to hear from you

- Please let us know how useful you found this training and send any other comments to:



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